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PRESIDENTIAL RECEPTIONS.

The Cabinet meets on Tuesdays and Fridays at 12:30 p. m.

Senators and Representatives in Congress will be received by the President every day, except Mondays, from 10 until 12.

Persons not members of Congress having business with the President will be received from 12 until 1 on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Those who have no business, but call merely to pay their respects, will be received by the President in the East Room at 1 p. m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

VISITORS TO THE DEPARTMENTS.

Secretaries Blaine, Proctor and Tracy have issued the following order for the reception of visitors:

Reception of Senators and Representatives in Congress, from 10 to 12 o'clock.

Reception of all persons not connected with the Departments, at 12 o'clock, except Tuesdays and Fridays, which are Cabinet days; and Thursdays in the Department of State, when the members of the Diplomatic Corps are exclusively received.

Persons will not be admitted to the building after 2 o'clock each day, unless by card, which will be sent by the captain of the watch to the chief clerk or to the head of the bureau for which the visit is intended.

The rule will not apply to Senators, Representatives or heads of Executive Departments.

PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS.

President Harrison evidently has more influence with his Administration in making appointments than General Taylor had with his Cabinet advisers when he was the Chief Executive of the Nation," remarked Colonel John S. Williams, the Third Auditor of the Treasury, to a Critic representative last evening.

"How so?"

"When Taylor was President it was the custom to decide upon prominent appointments at the Cabinet meetings, and the majority rule generally prevailed. In that day the office of Navy Agent at Washington was the best local office in the gift of the Administration. There were two applicants for the position at that time—Jed Lathrop of Buffalo and Ed. Linthicum of Georgetown.

"The friends of both parties worked assiduously with President Taylor and the members of his Cabinet in behalf of their candidate.

"After the meeting of the Cabinet which disposed of the case Mr. Linthicum called on President Taylor to learn the result, and the President assured him that he had been appointed. Feeling elated at his success, Mr. Linthicum went over to see the Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Preston of Virginia, about getting his commission. He was dumbfounded at the statement of the Secretary, who told him that Mr. Lathrop, and not himself, had been appointed Navy agent."

"But I just came from the White House, and President Taylor assured me I had been appointed," replied Mr. Linthicum. "I can only say the President is mistaken," remarked the Secretary.

"Whereupon Linthicum returned immediately to the White House and informed the President of what his Secretary of the Navy had said; that Lathrop and not Linthicum had been appointed."

"Lathrop," Lathrop, mused the President as he glanced up toward the ceiling. "Yes, Lathrop was also a candidate, but I voted for you, and that is all I know about it." Lathrop received the commission.

"Times have changed."

THE FLANNEL SHIRT.

The flannel shirt has come again, and is welcome. It has not yet come generally—only the few can venture to wear it yet, and not above the Washington latitude does it appear so blue—but it has arrived, just as the first blue-blind did some time ago, and sensible people are glad to see it.

The flannel shirt is a luxury and a necessity. It will be the summer garb of the men of this nation simply because it is the most comfortable, the most healthful, and, by all odds, the best in appearance of any shirt a man can wear. The starched white shirt is a monstrosity which it is a wonder reasoning beings have endured in summer for so long a time. It is a glaring, obnoxious, heartless thing, an expensive nuisance which, out of deference to custom and conventionality, may yet be endured for something more than half the year, but for no longer. It does not exceed the light flannel shirt even in the alleged idea of cleanliness and purity it conveys. It is in mid-summer inconvenient and unhealthy.

The flannel shirt, properly selected, pleases the eye for beauty and answers all the requirements of hygiene laws. It is a pleasant thing; it is not a burden on one's mind; it is the orphan of the army of sensible men who are breaking away from the tyranny of custom.

During what hours of the day should the flannel shirt be worn? These hours are not yet fully defined, but the flannel shirt is getting more and more of them. A year or two ago men of dignity feared to appear at their places of business in

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